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Chairman Lynn and Members of the Board
First Things First
4000 N. Central Avenue, Suite 800
Phoenix, Arizona 85012

Dear Chairman Lynn and Members of the Board:

On behalf of the Santa Cruz Regional Partnership Council, I am writing to request a modification to the Santa Cruz Fiscal Year 2012 Regional Funding Plan previously submitted for your approval. The specific change for your consideration is outlined below.

Revised Strategy:

The Santa Cruz Regional Partnership Council originally allotted \$46,057.00 for the Recruitment and Loan Forgiveness/Stipend strategy for Fiscal Year 2012. Following a series of discussions with the Regional Council members and First Things First staff, the Santa Cruz Regional Council reviewed several options for using its carry forward funds to support the Recruitment and Loan Forgiveness/Stipend strategy by providing funding for an additional therapist.

At the time the Regional Council developed their Fiscal Year 2012 funding plan, funds for only one therapist were allocated. The Regional Council requests approval to utilize \$32,376.90 in unspent funds to increase the strategy for two therapists. The new total for the Recruitment and Loan Forgiveness/Stipend Strategy for Fiscal Year 2012 will now be \$78,433.90. On July 20, 2011 the Regional Council approved shifting these dollars from unexpended funds back to the Recruitment and Loan Forgiveness/Stipend strategy for Fiscal Year 2012.

The Santa Cruz Regional Partnership Council respectfully requests your consideration of approval for this modification. We anticipate that the result will be the addition of two therapists to the region.

Sincerely,

Anna Rosas, Chair